

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET CARRIES WAR INTO WATERS OF ENEMY

United Nations Forces Exchange Sledgehammer Blows With The Axis Invaders

JAVA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

16 Enemy Bombers Destroyed To The West of Gilbert Islands

By Joseph A. Bors
(L. N. S. Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4—American and United Nations forces on land, sea and air exchanged sledgehammer blows with Axis invaders on the world's battlefronts today as the United States Pacific Fleet carried the war into enemy waters.

While fierce fighting for the possession of strategic Java held the spotlight on one sector, a smashing new victory by the Navy west of the Gilbert Islands in which 16 enemy bombers were destroyed gave evidence of America's "offensive" in that portion of the Pacific.

Operations of task units of the American Pacific Fleet in waters west of the enemy bases on the Gilbert Islands indicated strategy to draw the Japanese navy out in attempts to lessen Nipponese pressure in the Southwest Pacific.

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Miss Rose Louise Ernst Dies; Croydon Resident

CROYDON, Mar. 4—Miss Rose Louise Ernst, daughter of the late William and Caroline Ernst, and sister of Mrs. Otto Grupp, Jr., died yesterday in the Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, following a lengthy illness.

In addition to Mrs. Grupp, Miss Ernst is survived by two brothers, C. Adolph Ernst and William Ernst, Philadelphia. She was a member of the Tabor Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. The deceased had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Grupp here.

The Rev. Fred Fothmier, pastor of the Tabor Church; and the Rev. Arthur D. Sargis, pastor of Eddington Presbyterian Church, will officiate at the service on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock at the Grupp residence. Burial will be in Greenmount Cemetery, Philadelphia, with Robert C. Ruehl, funeral director, in charge. Friends may call Friday evening.

Claudette Werline, Aged 10, Has Birthday Party

Claudette Werline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Werline, McKinley street, observed her 10th birthday anniversary yesterday, when a party was tendered her at her parents' home.

Claudette's guests were inclusive of Barbara Werline, June Boiden, Marjorie and Gloria Jones, Janie Ginterher, Jean Louise and Harry Stoop.

Green was the color used for decoration purposes, with assorted balloons interspersed. Claudette received many gifts.

125 PLAY CARDS

CROYDON, Mar. 4—The benefit card party held in Schumacher Post Home, V. F. W., Saturday evening was a success, with 125 attending. High scorers in pinochle were: Joseph Greig, 566; Howard R. Johnson, 503; Mrs. Irene Palzer, 497; M. Greig, 483; C. J. Rau, 481.

HOSPITAL PATIENT

Mrs. Samuel Hardy, Harrison street, is a patient in Abington Hospital where she was operated upon.

LOCAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 8 A. M.
AT ROHM & HAAS WEATHER OBSERVATORY
BRISTOL, PA.

Temperature Readings

Maximum 46 F
Minimum 36 F
Range 19 F

Hourly Temperatures

8 a. m. yesterday 46
9 44
10 43
11 42
12 noon 41
1 p. m. 44
2 45
3 44
4 43
5 43
6 42
7 39
8 36
9 36
10 37
11 37
12 midnight 37
1 a. m. today 37
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3 37
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5 38
6 38
7 38
8 38

Miss Frances Doughtery, a nurse at Harriman Hospital, and who has been ill for the past two weeks at that institution, is recuperating at the home of her niece, Mrs. H. R. Sasse, Pine street.

TIDES AT BRISTOL

High water 4:01 a. m.; 4:24 p. m.

Low water 11:18 a. m.; 11:42 p. m.

LATEST WAR BULLETINS

General MacArthur Pulls Another Amazing Coup

Washington—The War Department today reported Gen. Douglas MacArthur has pulled another amazing coup—this time sending his tiny air force against a Japanese armada in Subic Bay, sending two large enemy vessels to the bottom and inflicting widespread damage.

In a communiqué, the Department said that the American-Filipino air force sank one vessel of 10,000 tons, another of 8,000 tons, and, in addition, destroyed two enemy motor launches of 100 tons each.

"Many smaller craft were damaged," the communiqué said.

"Large fires were started on the docks of Olongapo and Grande Island. These were followed by many heavy explosions among enemy stores."

Subic Bay is northeast of the American lines on Bataan and has been used by the Japanese to move in reinforcements against MacArthur. Olongapo is the former American naval station which was captured by the Japanese early in January. Grande Island is in the entrance to Subic Bay.

While the two large vessels were not identified, it was believed they were either troop transports or supply ships moved in by the Japanese during the past few weeks.

Plan Big Air Offensive Against Nazis

London—Plans for a gigantic air offensive against Nazi Germany with the aid of top-flight dive-bombers from the United States were announced in London today.

"The Americans are going to send us dive-bombers," it was said.

"These aircraft, markedly superior to the German Junkers-87, will shortly be available. We intend to resume our bombing offensive against Germany on the largest possible scale at the earliest possible moment."

"Our air staff is convinced that a bomber offensive against Germany is one of the indispensable means of winning the war."

Japan Cripples Forces Protecting Java

London—Japan has crippled the United Nations naval forces protecting Java and now has complete control of the sea area of the Dutch East Indies, authoritative Dutch source in London said today in sounding a grim warning of the desperate situation in the Southwest Pacific.

The announced loss of two Netherlands cruisers and other United Nations naval craft was a "crippling blow," the spokesman said, as most of the air-dromes surrounding Java already are in Japanese hands and the possibility of reinforcing the island is now "well nigh impossible."

The terrain of Java, the spokesman continued, does not lend itself to defensive action against superior forces. The defense forces include Dutch divisions and a few thousand United Nations troops and are called upon to defend an island three times the size of the Dutch motherland, it was pointed out.

"Japs" Face Determined Counter-Offensive

Batavia—Apparently fully recovered from the smashing blows dealt them at the beachheads but still facing a determined counter-offensive, Japanese troops in Java made "some headway" at various points today as their infiltration fanned out into major action.

United Nations forces still are attacking "with great stubbornness and an offensive spirit," an official communiqué said. But it could not be denied that enemy advances were being recorded and that the Dutch plan to hurl the invaders "into the sea" was far from fruition.

HERE AND THERE IN BUCKS COUNTY TOWNS

RUTH BRYAN OWEN TO SPEAK AT MORRISVILLE

Activities of Interest To All America's First Woman Diplomat To Be Guest of Woman's Club

GLEANED BY REPORTERS

ON THURSDAY EVENING

The Women's Guild of the Newtown Presbyterian Church have elected the following officers and circle leaders:

President, Mrs. W. Arthur Roberts; first vice president, Mrs. Cora Osgood; second vice president, Mrs. William F. MacCalmont; third vice president, Mrs. Charles Cornell; recording secretary, Mrs. Willis Starr; corresponding secretary, Miss Mabel Luff; treasurer, Miss Clara Buckman.

Circle leaders, Mrs. William Jamison, Mrs. Lucy Porter, Miss Ruth Luff, Mrs. Cora Osgood, Mrs. Justus Slack, and Mrs. Lillian Seipp; for mothers' evening group, Mrs. Sara Montgomery; business women's evening group, Miss Mae Ettenger; girls' evening group, Mrs. James Keyser.

The Women's Guild meets on the second Wednesday of the month and the circles meet on the fourth Wednesday.

What the veterinary profession in Bucks and Montgomery county can do to organize an efficiently operated war-time defense program was discussed at a meeting of the Bucks-Montgomery Counties Veterinary Medical Association, held at Farm School, near Doylestown. The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Medical Association which is in charge of Colonel Ernest Hogg, of Wilkes-Barre.

During the meeting, Dr. H. W. Turner, of New Hope, was appointed local chairman of defense work to be undertaken by the two-county association. During the next four weeks a complete program of operation will be worked out with state and national headquarters of the veterinary profession, and the program will be fitted in

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GIRLS FOR LANGHORNE FAMILIES

LANGHORNE, Mar. 4—The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Scott are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Beverly Jean, on Friday in Abington Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parker announced the birth of a daughter on Friday in Abington Hospital.

TO MAKE SURGICAL DRESSINGS

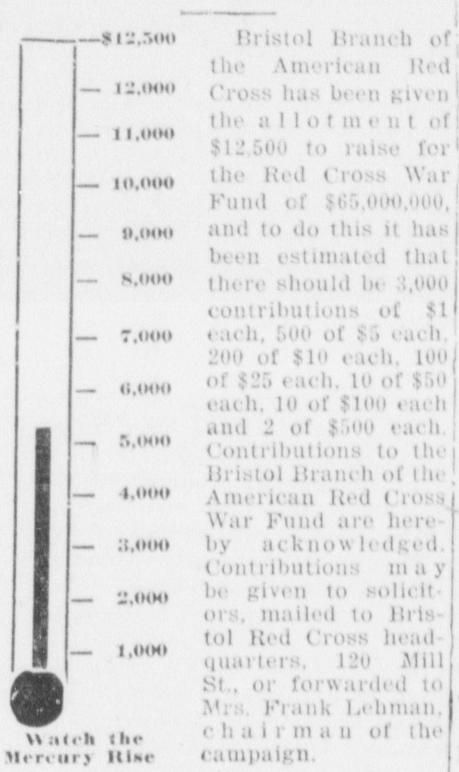
The Red Cross tonight at the Community House will make surgical dressings from seven until nine o'clock. Those attending are requested to take their uniforms.

RECOVERING

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If you have a news to tell, advertise it in The Courier.

IF YOU CAN'T GO—GIVE!



NOTED WRITER TO ADDRESS MEMBERS, REAL ESTATE BOARD

Melvin K. Whiteleather, Famous Correspondent, To Be At Dinner Meeting

HELD AT DOYLESTOWN

Has Interesting Story To Tell About Conditions In Europe

A noted foreign correspondent, Mr. Melvin K. Whiteleather, of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, is to address a dinner meeting of the Bucks County Real Estate Board, Wednesday evening, March 11th.

The meeting is to be held in the Fountain House, Doylestown, with the dinner beginning at 6:30.

Melvin K. Whiteleather spent 13 years in Europe, 10 of them as foreign correspondent of the Associated Press. He has roamed about covering conferences, wars and peace talks. For four years he was attached to the Paris Bureau of the Associated Press and from 1934, he was attached to the Berlin Bureau. He has seen the Nazi regime rise and the German Army grow from the remnants bequeathed to it by the Versailles Treaty to the powerful destructive machine that is putting Europe under its wheels and hobnails. He covered the German entry into the Saar Valley, the army's reoccupation of the demilitarized Rhine-land. Hitler's invasion of Austria, his double entry in Czechoslovakia and his quick crushing of Poland. He was at the famous Munich peace conference and was the only foreign correspondent to get with the Russian army at any time since the Bolshevik Revolution. He paid a short visit to the Russian forces marching into Poland last fall and sent out dispatches which indicated for the first time that Russia's military forces might not be as strong as the world generally believed. He also was the first foreign correspondent to get into Warsaw after the Polish capital's capitulation.

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HAVE YOU GIVEN TO THE RED CROSS FUND?

Residents Here Are Asked To Make Contributions At Once

MUST COMPLETE DRIVE

Have you given to the Red Cross War Fund of \$12,500 which is being raised in the Bristle?

If you have not, as yet made your contribution you are requested to do so at once.

Solicitors are urged to put forth every effort to complete their visits this week and to make their reports to Mrs. Frank Lehman, chairman of the

The money raised is to be used for the vastly expanded Red Cross war services among the armed forces and the civilian population of the United States.

Detailed plans for meeting the situation that would develop from a bombing or other catastrophe in the Philadelphia area were made public

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"COOTIE" PARTY

The Sunday School Class of Bristol Methodist Church, taught by Mrs. William Mohr, held a "cootie" party Monday evening in the social room of the church. Prizes were awarded. Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served. Mrs. Harold Hunter and Miss Elizabeth Smith were in charge.

RESULTS ALWAYS

Mrs. Herman Spencer is a "booster" for Courier classified advertisements. An advertisement was placed in yesterday's issue of The Bristol Courier, listing goods which the Spencers wished to sell. Instead of the "ad" continuing for three days as ordered, it was cancelled after the first insertion, as items had been quickly sold. "No matter whether I advertise for goods I wish to purchase, or want to sell, I always get results through The Courier," said Mrs. Spencer today.

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"CAT BURGLAR" GETS 2-TO 5-YEAR JAIL TERM

Robert Carr Was Allegedly Implicated in Robberies Here

A TOTAL OF 13 OFFENSES

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THE GREAT GAME OF POLITICS

By FRANK R. KENT
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A Good Idea Gone Wrong

Washington, March 3.

REVELATION by the Byrd Committee that Mr. James M. Landis, having rid his OCD machine of some—but by no means all—of the things which brought it into disrepute, has organized in a very brief period a separate

—and still growing—press bureau with a yearly pay roll of \$124,000, again draws attention to the extraordinary publicity army in Washington, the size and cost of which amounts to a national scandal.

THE fact is that, with one notable exception (the Donovan outfit), the first thing every new government agency does is to establish its publicity department. That is considered basic and once done the disposition is to regard the job as a

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THE idea was that henceforth all information concerning war and defense would be strained through the OFF, and the people thus be fully supplied with facts and figures upon which they could rely. This seemed fine. It would cut out the terrible mass of flubdn propaganda that daily pours out of the numerous bureaus and present a comprehensive and truthful picture of what goes on. The selection of Mr. MacLeish was assurance enough that it would be truthful, and the disposition

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success. The interesting thing is that the more publicity men there are the worse the publicity. As the quantity goes up the quality goes down. Every time a new press agent goes on the pay roll confusion

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THE WAR AND THE WILL

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president

of Stanford University, may be

quite right in asserting that the

peoples "with the most health, so-

briety, training and devotion to the

common cause will win the war."

The number of excellent qualities he

mentions comprises an impressive

list. Healthy people, trained for the

kind of work that war demands and

wholeheartedly concerned with the

achievement of victory, are the

greatest asset any nation at war can

possess.

It is Doctor Wilbur's contention

that America's superior facilities for

health-building, such as pure water,

plenty of nourishing food and med-

ical and sanitary equipment, will not

by themselves bring its youngsters to

the peak of health unless each in-

dividual has the desire to make the

most of them.

This calls, he said, for discipline,

and "it is up to the educators to

convince the young men and women

that they can do more to advance the

common effort by becoming and

staying healthy than they can by any

other direct way." He strongly op-

posed night-clubbing habits and ex-

cessive tavern-going.

Perhaps a good case could be

made for the fact that whenever a

wealthy nation grows too neglectful

of discipline, another nation, desirous

of extending its realm will seek

to acquire the lands of the so-called

easy-going race. That is an ever-

present peril for residents of countries

possessing large resources.

But wherein lies the cause of

such events in the rich countries?

The word discipline often is used

nowadays when nothing more than

the old-fashioned term of employ-

ing the will is concerned. It has been

said frequently that educators in

this country paid too much attention

to the training of the mind in pro-

portion to the effort that they ex-

pended to train the wills of their

students. It should have been ob-

vious that mere training of the mind

will not of itself develop character.

Somewhere in modern education

rests the source of this error. If it

were recognized, perhaps the prob-

lem of "discipline" would diminish.

For all its many evils, this war has

brought one contribution—it has

made men recognize anew the im-

portance of the will.

AMERICAN QUEENS

America, democracy though it is,

has its queens, and no members of

royalty were ever accorded more

adulation. What would a tomato

festival be without its reigning

beauty? An apple festival would

lose a goodly portion of its charm

without an apple-cheeked miss to

reign supreme over its gayety. And

an festival would seem less bright

without the glowing cheeks and sun-

kissed lips of the Orange Queen.

All sorts of festivals animate the

American year, and each festival has

its queen. It is a wholesome custom,

a lusty American tribute to the

beauty and vigor of its youth. Al-

most any sort of ceremony has a cen-

tral figure around which it may re-

volve, and a queen is admirably

suited to this role. The selection

usually is made as the result of some

sort of contest, which is a challenge

to the ingenuity of mesdemoiselles.

The ever-present American sens-

of humor nominates queens of equal

beauty for somewhat facetious roles.

For now there is a "Wangling

Queen." The reading matter accom-

panying her photo in the papers is

rather vague as to her domain, but

the queen herself will have the ap-

probation of most males.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM SUBURBAN TOWNS

HULMEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. George Tracy, Gadsden, Ala., arrived on Friday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Barton. Mr. Tracy left for the South on Monday, and Mrs. Tracy will remain with her parents until the end of this week.

Mrs. P. W. Valentine, Brooklyn, N. Y., week-ended with her mother, Mrs. Harry Gill, on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gill, "Jack" and Richard Gill, Mr. and Mrs. William Gill and daughter Barbara Ann, Bristol, and Miss Helen E. Gill, Philadelphia, visited at the Gill home here.

Members of the club with which Mrs. Richard Fellman, Bensalem Township, is affiliated, tendered her a house-warming at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Sara Bailey, Merchantville, N. J., now spending some time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Badger, Aldan.

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EMILIE

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Mr. and Mrs. John Rank were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pickering, Jr., Woodbourne. Mrs. L. M. Batten was a recent overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Strong, Doylestown.

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FALLSINGTON SHOOTS FOR STATE PLAYOFF GAMES WITH WIN

Falcons Must Sweep Aside Bensalem in Title Fray Here

IN BRISTOL'S "GYM"

Fallsington Given Pre-Game Nod Due To Its Shining Record

By Jack Gill

Fallsington high school champions of the "Big Three," and Bensalem's Owls, rulers of the "Little Three," collide this evening in the Bristol high school gymnasium for the championship of lower Bucks county. The greatest honor at stake tonight is the right to represent the district in the state-wide tournament.

These two teams met once before this season. The result was a 71 to 29 triumph for Fallsington. Since that time both squads have improved immensely and just how far Bensalem has come will be seen before many minutes of battle transpire.

According to Woody Wetherhold, Bensalem coach, both he and the Owls won't soon forget that shellacking. The students from down along the Pike naturally aren't blowing off as to their ability to rise in vengeance and wipe off the sting of the beating. There must be a difference between the two teams. But the Owls are "heated" up over the affair psychologically and they won't go down without a fight tonight.

Jim Doheny, veteran of many a Fallsington campaign, eyes a shot in the P. I. A. A. playoff tournament as does his boys. But Doheny, a keen court analyst all these years, realizes that he is probably doing more worrying over Bensalem than his players. And that is a bad sign denoting overconfidence.

Fallsington has indeed been impressive in district play this winter. The only defeats suffered were from Trenton High, New Jersey Deaf, Bordentown Military Institute and Bristol. The Falcons have been wrecking havoc in New Jersey circles week after week. At times, they are capable of some of the sharpest basketball play ever seen in sectional schoolboy ranks.

Fallsington will probably encounter more trouble in local play than it will in the coming tourney, providing they whip Bensalem. Each man on the squad is known by his opponent to be a deadly set shot artist, particularly Art "Lil' Abner" Driscoll and Al Mount. For that reason, they are pressed nearly beyond human resistance and their shots are few and far between.

It is the consensus of many that if the Falcons take Bensalem this evening and can creep into the first round of the tournament at Abington against Yeadon unnoticed and unheralded, they might pull one of the surprise stunts of the season. Because if either of the two boys can get set, Fallsington can "go to town."

Frank Thropp, the only six-foot boy on a relatively small team, Johnny Mansmann, and Joe Napoli, smooth ball-handling back-court star, will start for the Orange and Black.

Bensalem, who against the same ball club late last December wished that they were "Deep in the Heart of Texas," will be pulling their hearts out for a better showing and indications point to just that. Len Eddy and George Patterson will probably start up front, Mossbrook and Lamb will fill the guard slots, and Pete Everett is listed for action at center. Dennis and Hutton will not be hanging around just for the show, either.

As some locker room sharp uttered the other evening, after listening to P. I. A. A. conversation, "Whatta spot for an upset?" But it's hard to upset the department of facts and figures, which, in this case, holler out loud.

PICKING UP NEWS ON TRIP THRU LOCAL SPORTLAND

By Jack Gill

Some "to whom it may concern" stuff about sports: Mike Derrick, who mixes teaching at Yardley, selling hot dogs from his stand along the Jersey side of the Delaware and basketball officiating into a hectic life, handled the Bristol-Fallsington championship scrap with Walters. Derrick has seen action this winter in the Suburban loop and improves as the years roll onward. . . . Bensalem High School is preparing for its annual gym exhibition that will be presented on March 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th. . . . Head Coach Clarence Bartholomew plans to play a Red and Gray basketball game this week and plans an early start in baseball and track. . . . For the first time in many years, the Cardinals fostered competitive freshman basketball to stimulate interest in the lower grades.

The championship game to decide the supremacy of the Lower Bucks County scholastic league will be played in Bristol high school's gymnasium, tonight. Bensalem figures that its team is being vastly under-rated by Fallsington. The Falcons, still reminiscent of the 76 points they rolled up on the Owls in an early season test, probably regard them lightly. All of which has made Bensalem's coach, Woody Wetherhold, as well as his boys, fighting mad. Still, Fallsington possesses a very decided edge and should triumph easily.

Nobody probably cares, but the best court performers of the year in our book were the following: Holzman,

C. C. N. Y.; Beinstein, Penn; Busik, Navy; Doll, Colorado; Munroe, Dartmouth; Senesky, St. Joe's; Snyder, Temple; Shaddock, Syracuse, and Kinney, of Rice. Best game—Dartmouth-Penn. Best all-round show—Bill Holzman, of C. C. N. Y.

The Langhorne Rod and Gun Club has been active in competitive rifle meets of late and is a member of the National Rifle Association. This spring the organization plans to open its range to the public and offer instruction to all parties interested. The club will particularly try to bring in the young high school students. Army officials have expressed surprise at the ignorance shown in selective service ranks in the proper handling of small arms. Rifle work is also an important part of civilian defense.

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BENSELEM MATMEN UPSET LANDSDALE

By Jack Gill

Coach Mel Mack's Bensalem grappling team atoned for last week's defeat at Lansdale by turning the tables on the visiting outfit in a match last night at Cornwells Heights. The Owls captured eight of the thirteen matches to win by a 30 to 23 tally.

Arnold Stackhouse, flashy sophomore competing for his first year in varsity ranks, won his fifth straight match last night in decisive fashion. The 112 pounder pinned Corelene in 41 seconds. Stackhouse is undefeated this year.

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Schedule for Tomorrow Night

ROHM & HAAS vs.

MANOR A. C. (of Morrisville)

PROFY'S vs. MANHATTAN

(Second game of playoffs)

Playoff Standing

won lost %

Manhattan 1 0 1000

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U. S. Pacific Fleet Carries War Into Waters of Enemy

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of Hawaii. None of the American surface ships were damaged.

The American task units, invading Japanese-dominated waters beat off an attack of 18 Nippon bombers, shooting down all but two of the enemy planes. Two American planes were shot down, one of the pilots was lost but the other was rescued. One United States flier, Lt. Edward H. O'Hare, brought down six of the attacking Japanese planes, the communiqué disclosed.

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Government and other agencies, meantime, will be expected to attend to maintenance of law and order, fire protection, water supply, biologicals, quarantine, care of the dead, enforced evacuation, maintenance of public institutions and control of the sale of liquor.

Collateral tasks to be performed by the Red Cross include: Survey of family losses, maintenance of families, transportation of refugees and supplies, communication, registration and welfare inquiries, rehabilitation of families, building and repair of homes, household furnishings, medical aid, transportation, nursing, farm supplies, livestock and equipment, and occupational training, equipment and supplies.

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"It is estimated that 50 people have been killed, 1,000 injured, 400 seriously injured, 1,000 families made homeless, 4,000 people homeless, 300 homes destroyed, 2,500 homes damaged, 4,000 families suffering loss of which number 1,200 were minor property damages, 2,500 applied to Red Cross for aid."

Relief headquarters identified by Red Cross flags and emblems will be opened. Prompt and adequate emergency relief will be supplied, with each sub-committee chairman assuming full responsibility for the various tasks.

Local and other officials will be notified so that they can take whatever steps fall within their functions. Newspapers, press associations and radio stations will be notified that the Red Cross is in charge of relief work and will be informed of the relief measures.

Proper relationships will be set up at once with public and private relief agencies. Welfare inquiry and information services will be established. A quick survey will be made of the devastated area to determine the scope of relief needs and every individual or family applying for relief will be registered.

The Red Cross is prepared to assume at once functions that will supplement

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